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1. CHINA

IN ARTICLE FILLING FIRST TWO PAGES PEOPLE'S DAILY, "GANG OF FOUR" ACCUSED OFFICIALLY FOR FIRST TIME OF ATTEMPTING ASSASSINATE HUA (WP).

PRC CONFIRMED SAT REPORTS THAT MAJOR CHARGE AGAINST "GANG OF FOUR" IS THAT THEY REWORDED CRITICAL MAO QUOTATION TO MAKE IT APPEAR THEY ALONE WERE TO BE LEFT IN CONTROL AFTER HIS DEATH (NYT HK).
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CHINESE OFFICIALS REPORTED THURS THAT SINO-SOVIET BORDER TALKS HAVE MADE NO PROGRESS BECAUSE RUSSIAN SIDE HAS MADE NO CONCESSIONS, REFUSED REDUCE ITS ARMED FORCES ALONG FRONTIER (AP, LAT 12/17).

ACCORDING JAPANESE DEL THAT VISITED HARBIN, IT WAS TOLD THERE HAVE BEEN 150 SOVIET VIOLATIONS BETWEEN JAN-AUGUST ALONG EASTERN BORDER.

NCNA REPORTS PEKING HAS ANNOUNCED NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MODERNIZING INDUSTRY WILL BE CONVENED BEFORE MAY 1 (AP, NYT). MACAO POLICE ARRESTED 3 OF 15 CHINESE REFUGEES WHO SWAM ASHORE SAT; WILL BE RETURNED TO PEKING AFTER QUESTIONING. OTHER 12 REFUGEES APPARENTLY MADE IT INTO CITY (AP, NYT).

2. KOREA

NYT REPORTS THAT JUSTICE DEPT NOW FEELS INVESTIGATION OF ROKG BRIBERY REACHED A POINT WHERE PROSECUTIONS SHOULD BE SOUGHT. VACUUM-CLEANER TYPE INFO GATHERING PHASE OF INQUIRY ENDED, BUT INVESTIGATION FAR FROM COMPLETE. UNCERTAINTY EXISTS OVER PROBABILITY THAT INDICTMENTS WOULD RESULT. FOUR OR FIVE CONGRESSMEN NOW APPEAR TO BE PRIME TARGETS OF INVESTIGATION ALTHOUGH LACK OF ADEQUATE EVIDENCE, UNAVAILABILITY OF WITNESSES MAY MAKE PROSECUTION DIFFICULT. ONE MAJOR PROBLEM FOR PROSECUTORS IS EVIDENCE OF JUST HOW MONEY DISTRIBUTED AND WHETHER IT WAS LEGITIMATE LOBBYING EFFORT OR BRIBERY. EARLY FEUDING BETWEEN JUSTICE AND US INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES SENSITIVE OVER POSSIBLE IMPACT ON THEIR ACTIVITIES NOW OVERCOME (ALSO APPEARS IN WSTAR).

CBS TOP RATED "SIXTY-MINUTES" PROGRAM FOCUSSES ON ROK ACTIVITIES. INCLUDES ON-CAMERA STATEMENTS BY RANARD AND LEE JAI HYUN ON INVOLVEMENT OF PRES PARK. ALSO INCLUDES UNCLASSIFIED

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DOUBTS RE ETHICS COMMITTEE BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND COMMON CAUSE JOHN GARDNER. OTHER MEDIA PICKING UP THEIR STATEMENTS DESPITE LACK OF NEWNESS.

WP INTRODUCES NEW FIGURE INTO TONGSUN PARK INVESTIGATION-- FORMER OHIO CONGRESSMAN MINSHALL WHO REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN VERY CLOSE TO PARK AND TO HAVE MADE A SECRET TRIP TO ROK IN 1972. POST STATES MINSHALL TOOK LEAD WRITING LETTERS ON BEHALF OF PARK TO HIS PRESIDENT AND CHIEF, AND ARRANGED INTERVIEWS WITH HIGH LEVEL USG OFFICIALS FOR PARK. LONG STORY QUOTES TWO FORMER MINSHALL SECRETARIES ON THE CLOSE AND SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CONGRESSMAN AND PARK.

WIDELY DISTRIBUTED PARADE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT CARRIES PHOTO AND BRIEF Q AND A ON TONGSUNG PARK AND FRIEND DICKINSON.

LAT (12/17) SAYS AN ASSOCIATE OF TONGSUN PARK REVEALS THAT \$200,000 GIVEN BY PARK TO KIM SANG KEUN. BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN USED BY KIM IN SENDING GREENBACKS BACK TO SEOUL.

BALT SUN REPORTS A GROUP OF KOREAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PLAN TO PICKET A KOREAN CULTURAL EVENT TO PROTEST ROKG. STUDENTS WILL BE JOINED BY FR. SINOTT. ALL CLAIM KOREAN

ORGANIZER OF THE EVENT THREATENED THEM WITH ACTION BY KCIA.

NYT REPORTS FROM SEOUL THAT ROKG ENCOURAGING LOCAL STOCK MARKET IN EFFORT TO RAISE DOMESTIC CAPITAL NEEDED FOR DEVELOPMENT. HOPES TO RAISE HALF THE LOCAL CAPITAL NEEDED FOR FOURTH FIVE YR PLAN. SOME COMPANIES RESIST GOING PUBLIC BUT DEPENDENCE ON ROKG PRODS THEM INTO COMPLIANCE.

WSJ REPORTS ROKG MAKING PLANS TO REGAIN A 75% INTEREST IN JOINT VENTURE WITH GULF OIL. (KOCO) COULD HAPPEN IN 1978-79 AFTER AGREED UPON LEVEL OF PROFITS REPATRIATED BY GULF.

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WP REPORTS KIM DAE JUNG TELLS A COURT IN SEOUL THAT HE COULD NOT EXPECT A FAIR TRIAL AFTER JUDGES REFUSE TO CALL WITNESSES FOR THREE OF THE DEFENDANTS.

CANADA ISSUES GUIDELINES FOR OVERSEAS DEALINGS BY ITS 43 PUBLICLY OWNED CORPORATIONS FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION OF EFFORTS TO SELL NUCLEAR PLANTS ABROAD. THUS FAR INVESTIGATION FAILS TO OBTAIN INFO ON MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR PAYMENTS TO PROMOTE SUCH SALES IN KOREA AND ARGENTINA. MORE THAN 8 MILLION DOLLARS UNACCOUNTED FOR CONNECTED WITH KOREAN SALE.

LAT (12/17) SAYS FRANCE BANNING ANY FUTURE CONTRACTS FOR EXPORT OF NUCLEAR FUEL PLANTS OR EQUIPMENT. NOTES THAT DEAL WITH ROKG FELL THROUGH EARLIER.

CONGRESSMAN QUIE (R-MINN) SAYS GAO SHOULD INVESTIGATE CHARGES OF CONGRESSIONAL MISCONDUCT, NOT ETHICS COMMITTEE (WSTAR).

3. INDOCHINA

AT HANOI CONGRESS, LE DUAN SAYS SOME CP MEMBERS FOUND GUILTY UNDESIRABLE BEHAVIOR, INCL FACTIONALISM, SHOULD BE EXPELLED. OBSERVERS THINK REMARKS COULD FORESHADOW PURGE (WP 12/18). ANDELMAN (NYT 12/18) NOTES PHAM HUNG CONCEDES SVN CLEARLY RELEGATED TO SECONDARY ROLE IN 5-YR ECON PLAN; AREA TO PRODUCE MORE RICE/WOOD/SEA FOOD. ALSO NOTES (12/19) GIAP SAYS HANOI LEADERS INTEND STRESS HUMAN NEEDS, DESPITE VAST PLANS FOR OVERALL ECON/POL DEVELOPMENT. SEES LEADERSHIP CONCERNED BY INCREASINGLY VOCAL DEMANDS BY POPULATION, ESP IN N, FOR END WAR AUSTERITY.

VN REPORTEDLY WILL ATTEMPT DEVELOP OWN OIL RESERVES. US EMBARGO ON TRADE IS MAJOR ROADBLOCK TO NEGOTS W/HANOI BY US OIL FIRMS FOR OFFSHORE EXPLORATION RTS (NYT 12/19).
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UN AMB-DESIGNATE YOUNG SUPPORTS VN BID ENTER ORGANIZATION.
ADDS VN STRENGTH HELPED CURTAIL PRC EXPANSION (WP 12/19).

4. PHILIPPINES

MARCOS SAYS GOP WILL NOT ACCEPT NEW BASE PACT UNLESS PHIL
SOVEREIGNTY OVER BASES GUARANTEED (UPI, NYT 12/18).

F-14 PLUNGES INTO S CHINA SEA 200 MI W PHILS AFTER CRASH-
LANDING ABROAD USS ENTERPRISE. CREWMEN EJECTED/RECOVERED
(AP,WP).

5. INDONESIA

HORNIG (WSTAR 12/17) NOTES SAUDIS AT OPEC MTG SAY WILL
RAISE OIL PRICES 5 PCT; OTHER 11 MEMBERS, INCL INDO, WILL
RAISE PRICES 15 PCT IN 2 STAGES: 10 PCT STARTING JAN 1,
5 PCT MORE JUL 1. WP (12/18) TABULATES DATA FOR OPEC
NATIONS; POINTS OUT INDO HAD POPULATION 133.71 MILLION/200
DOL PER CAPITA INCOME IN 1974/EARNED 4.3 BILLION DOLS OIL
EXPORT REVENUES IN 1975/HAD 10 BILLION BBLs "CLAIMED
PROVEN" RESERVES IN 1973/PRODUCED 1.31 MILLION BBLs
DAILY 1975.

6. HONG KONG

HK IS WORLD'S LARGEST TOY EXPORTER, TOOK POSITION FROM
JAPAN 1972. HK STDS AND TESTING CENTER MAKES SURE ITEMS
FIT FOR EXPORT (UPI, LAT 12/17).

7. JAPAN

MIKI ANNOUNCED 12/17 WILL RESIGN AS PM/LDP PRES SOON
AS NEW SUCCESSOR CHOSEN. PM CONCEDED FAILURE IN GOAL
CLEAN UP CONSERVATIVE JAPANESE POLITICS, DELIVERED 1500-
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WORD DENUNCIATION "MONEY-POWER POLITICS," ALONG W/PROPOSED
PARTY REFORMS (SAAR, WP 12/18). FUKUDA EXPECTED RECEIVE
PM NOMINATION AT PARTY CAUCUS 12/23; DIET WILL RECON-
VENE FOLLOWING DAY (MALCOLM, NYT 12/18).

REP FOLEY (WASH) LED CODEL IN DISCUSSION EXPANDED US
FISHING ZONE/PROPOSED WITHDRAWAL US TROOPS FROM SK W/JAP-
ANESE FON MIN KOSAKA IN TOKYO 12/17 (AP, WP 12/18).

FIVE DAYS US-JAPAN FISHING TALKS ENDED 12/17 W/O REACHING
AGREEMENT ON JAPANESE FISHING ACTIVITIES ONCE 200-MILE
US ZONE TAKES EFFECT 3/77 (AP, NYT; WSTAR, BOTH 12/18).

JAMESON (LAT 12/17) REPORTS JAPAN AGREED RECOGNIZE, "IN PRINCIPLE," US AUTHORITY OVER 200-MILE ZONE IF US WOULD ACCEPT PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT GIVING JAPAN TIME RATIFY TREATY AT LATER DATE. STATES OVERALL, JAPAN COULD BE FORCED ACCEPT NEARLY 40 PCT CUT IN US CATCH. IN NEW BOOK, "LOCKHEED SALES MISSION: 70 DAYS IN TOKYO," FORMER LOCKHEED VICE-CHRMN KOTCHIAN SAYS MONEY "NEVER ONCE OFFERED" FROM US; CONTENDS ALL REQUESTS CAME FROM FIRM'S "CONFIDENTIAL CONSULTANT" KODAMA. ARGUES PAYMENTS WERE "WORTHWHILE," NEEDED "DEFEND OUTSELVES" IN INTL TRADE "GAME" (HALLORAN, NYT).

TOKUJI WAKASA, FACING PERJURY CHARGES IN CONNECTION W/LOCKHEED SCANDAL, RESIGNS AS PRES ALL NIPPON AIRWAYS (WP 12/18).

"PARADE" MAG (WP 12/18) ANSWERS READER INQUIRY RE NUMBER DIET MEMBERS INVOLVED IN LOCKHEED BRIBES; SAYS JUSTICE MIN INABA PUTS NUMBER AT 14, W/"UNDOUBTEDLY MANY OTHERS."

FACING STRONG OPPOSITION FROM FINANCE MINISTRY, JAPANESE DEF AGENCY DECIDED ON YEAR'S POSTPONEMENT IN FUNDS REQUEST TO PURCHASE 1ST MCDONALD-DOUGLAS F15 EAGLE JET FIGHTER UNCLASSIFIED

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(WSTAR 12/19).

TREAS SEC-DESIGNATE BLUMENTHAL, IN "TIME" MAG INTERVIEW, CRITICIZED ECON POLICIES OF HAK/JOHN CONNALLY, VOWS GREATER US ECON COOPERATION W/EUR, JAPAN (REUTER, SUN).

BUSINESS LEADERS MEET IN LA AT 7TH US-JAPAN ECON RELS SYMPOSIUM, HOPE BECOME BETTER BUSINESS PARTNERS AMID THREATS STAGFLATION/PROTECTIONISM (NAMBEIL, JOC).

AUTO PARTS PURCHASING MISSION FROM JAPAN AUTO MFR'S ASSN MOST LIKELY VISIT UK EARLY NEXT YEAR IN EFFORT HELP CORRECT JAPAN-UK TRADE IMBALANCE (JOC).

CULLISON (JOC) REPORTS JAPAN'S ECON PLANNING AGENCY OFFICIALS FEAR OIL PRICE HIKE WILL SLASH NATION'S ANTICIPATED FY'77 REAL GROWTH RATE BY ALMOST FULL PCT. COUNTRY'S YEARLY OIL IMPORT EXPENDITURES SEEN CERTAIN RISE BY SOME 2 BIL DOLS.

JAPAN'S IRON/STEEL FEDERATION ESTIMATES FY'77 STEEL PRODUCTION AT 114 MIL TONS (JOC).

"LARGEST MERGER IN AMERICAN CORPORATE HISTORY" OCCURED 12/17 AS GENL ELECTRIC MERGED W/UTAH INTL MINING CO. UTAH INTL HAS LARGE OPERATIONS IN AUSTRALIA, SEEN BY GE AS WAY BUY INTO JAPAN THRU FIRM'S COKING COAL AGREEMENTS

NOW IN EFFECT (SMITH, NYT; NYT SPEC).

KOJIMA (REUTER, LAT 12/17) REPORTS HANG-GLIDING CATCHING ON IN JAPAN. FIRST CLUB FORMED 6/75; COUNTRY NOW HAS 50 CLUBS/1000 MEMBERS.

8. AUSTRALIA

SOME 1400 PRODUCTION/MAINTENANCE WORKERS VOTED THURS END 8-WK NEWSPAPER STRIKE AFFECTING SYDNEY MORNING HERALD, UNCLASSIFIED

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AUSTRALIAN FINANCIAL REVIEW DAILY, SYDNEY SUN (REUTER SYDNEY 12/17).

GULF OIL IN 1973 CONSIDERED TRYING BLOCK DEAL WHICH WOULD HAVE GIVEN WESTINGHOUSE BADLY-NEEDED AUSTRALIAN URANIUM. SALE NEVER MADE, BUT GULF DENIES ACTUAL INTERFERENCE (CALAME, WSJ).

CYCLONE W/100MPH WINDS BATTERED BURKETOWN, ON N AUSTRALIAN COAST 12/19; ENTIRE POPULATION BARRICADED THEMSELVES INSIDE HOTEL (UPI, NYT).

9. PACIFIC ISLANDS

AFTER 14 YEARS INDEPENDENCE, W SAMOA JOINED UN WED. DEP CHIEF STATE SAID COUNTRY CONCERNED OVER BIG POWER RIVALRY, WANTS "BE FRIENDLY WITH EVERYONE" BUT REMAIN UNCOMMITTED (TELTSCH, NYT 12/19).

USSR HOPES ESTABLISH SMALL FISHING BASE IN W SAMOA--MOVE WHICH SOME OBSERVERS SEE AS BID OUTFLANK US POSITIONS IN GUAM/N MARIANAS. SAMOAN GOVT STILL CONSIDERING PROPOSAL. PAC COMMAND SPOKESMAN SAYS "COMMON USAGE" FOR RUFIANS "GO IN FOR ONE PURPOSE," USE IT "FOR EVERYTHING ELSE" (WP 12/19).

PALAU LEGISLATORS/TRADITIONAL GROUP HEREDITARY CHIEFS IN OPPOSITION OVER WHETHER ISLAND'S HARBORS SHOULD BE OPEN TO OIL SUPERTANKERS, PROVIDING TRANSFER POINT IN IRAN-JAPAN OIL ROUTE. PROPOSAL WOULD HELP PALAU'S FEEBLE ECONOMY, BUT OPPONENTS FEAR CULTURAL/ENVIRONMENTAL CORRUPTION (BAAR, AP WP 12/19).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

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WP'S MATHEWS (HK) OBSERVES THAT DESPITE COMMUNIST EFFORTS

TO ERASE "CORRUPTION-BREEDING IDEA THAT ONE'S FIRST ALLEGIANCE SHOULD BE TO ONE'S FAMILY," IN TIME OF INSECURITY, LIKE PAST FEW MONTHS SINCE MAO'S DEATH, CHINESE APPEAR TO HAVE RETURNED TO OLD PREOCCUPATION WITH FAMILY TIES.

MORITZ (CSM HK) SAYS NEW PRC LEADERS MUST SOON MAKE IMPORTANT DECISION: HOW MUCH OIL TO SELL TO HELP FINANCE MODER-

NIZATION THEY WANT, AND AT WHAT PRICE. WITH VALUE OF JAPANESE TRADE TOUCHY POL ISSUE, DECISION COULD GIVE FURTHER CLUES TO JUST HOW MUCH PURGE OF RADICALS WHO OPPOSED EXPORTING OIL HAS AFFECTED COUNTRY'S FOREIGN TRADE POLICY.

TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL'S MUNRO SEES CCP INTL LIAISON DEPT BUSY THESE DAYS TELLING "MOAIST" CP'S AROUND WORLD THAT PEKING DID NOT FORSAKE LEFTIST PURITY WHEN IT THREW "GANG OF FOUR" INTO JAIL. FINDS AVAILABLE EVIDENCE INDICATING MANY OF THESE PARTIES SUSPECT PRC HAS GONE TO RIGHT (CSM PEKING).

IN 12/19 (WP) DISPATCH, MUNRO SUGGESTS THAT ATTACKS ON "GANG OF FOUR'S" REAL/ALLEGED SUPPORTERS HAS EVOLVED INTO PURGE IN PROBABLY EVERY CHINESE PROVINCE, BECOMING SO DISORDERLY/INDISCRIMINATE IN SOME PARTS PRC THAT THEY THREATEN HUA'S INTERESTS.

AT TACHING, MUNRO FINDS VISION OF PRC AS NEW ASIAN OIL GIANT HAS SEEMED TO FADE THIS YEAR AS GROWTH RATE OF TACHING PRODUCTION HAS ABRUPTLY SLOWED TO 10 PCT--ABOUT HALF AVERAGE FOR PAST DECADE (WP 12/19).

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD (HK 12/19) SEES HUA, SO FAR, MAINTAINING CALM HOLD ON HELM. SAYS SOMETHING LIKE NATIONAL EUPHORIA SEEMS TO HAVE POSSESSED MANY CHINESE IN OCT AFTER "GANG OF UNCLASSIFIED

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FOUR'S" DOWNFALL--FEELING WAS PARTLY RELIEF, SENSE THAT YEARS OF DISRUPTIVE POL CONFLICT SINCE GPCR MIGHT FINALLY BE OVER, AND PARTLY EXPECTATION NEW CHINESE LEADERS MIGHT RAISE LIVING STANDARD, OFFER BETTER EDUCATION/GREATER CREATIVITY IN ARTS. BUT STILL TOO EARLY TELL WHETHER HUA WILL FULFILL THOSE ASPIRATIONS.

WP (12/19) REPRINTS ROSS TERRILL VIEW (GLOBE 12/5) THAT IF CARTER ABLE SOON TO SETTLE TAIWAN ISSUE, SO FAR AS CONCERNS SINO-US RELS, PEKING'S TEMPTATION FOR DETENTE WITH SOVIET WOULD RECEDE.

LAT'S LESLIE SAYS SEPT OPENING OF PRC GAS STATION IN HK--FIRST OUTSIDE CHINESE BORDERS--HAS ATTRACTED INTEREST AS POSSIBLE SIGN PEKING PLANS EXPAND OIL EXPORTS. REPORTS INTL OIL GIANTS THAT ACCOUNT FOR MOST HK SALES ARE BELIEVED

FEELING-SOME CONCERN ABOUT NEW COMPETITION; BUT MOST OIL SPECIALISTS THERE DOUBT PEKING WILL BECOME LARGE OIL SELLER ANYWHERE ELSE IN WORLD. NOTES EVEN STATION'S PUMPS WERE BOUGHT FROM US FIRM (WP 12/19).

IN 12/17 HK DISPATCH (LAT), LESLIE CITES VIEW OF SOME MIL OBSERVERS THERE THAT PRC VISITS BY LEADING WESTERN MIL ANALYSTS (SCHLESINGER, FRENCH CHIEF OF STAFF MERY, NYT'S MIDDLETON) WERE DESIGNED IMPROVE PEKING'S PROSPECTS OF BUYING WESTERN WEAPONS.

SUN'S ISAACS (TAIPEI 12/18) OBSERVES THAT AS US FACES DECISION ON FUTURE CHINA POLICY, TASK IS MADE MORE COMPLEX BY ROC PERCEPTIONS DIFFERING ON WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IF TAIWAN PROTECTIVE SHIELD WITHDRAWN. FINDS ROC LEADERS FEAR LOSS OF DEFENSE PACT EVEN MORE THAN BREAKING FORMAL DIPLO RELS WITH US.

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CSM SEES IRON HAND OF "LIBERATOR" ON DISPLAY IN VN, W/ POPULATION REDISTRIBUTION PLANNED FOR SVN. NOTES NONE WILL HAVE ANY SAY ABOUT MOVE; SAIGON SCHEDULED LOSE 1 MILLION PEOPLE. FINDS PLAN CALLS TO MIND CAMBODIA FORCED MIGRATION CONCLUDE HANOI DETERMINED PUT LONG-DIVIDED HOUSE IN ORDER, EVEN IF SPARTAN MEASURES REQUIRED.

FE ECON REVIEW'S CHANDA (NYT 12/19) DESCRIBES HANOI'S PROJECTED PATH TO SOCIALISM AS "FLEXIBLE," SEES VN LOOKING TO WEST FOR SIGNIFICANT AID. MENTIONS ISSUES US AID/EM-BARGO ON TRADE/MIA QUESTION. NOTES EMPHASIS ON CONSUMER/EXPORT GOODS; SEES SUCCESS DEPENDING LARGELY ON WHETHER HANOI CAN OBTAIN ECON COOPERATION SVN FARMERS/BUSINESSMEN. CONCLUDES 20-YR PLAN FOR BUILDING MODERN SOCIALIST STATE ALSO TIMETABLE FOR TRUE UNIFICATION 2 VNS.

SEN MCGOVERN (WP 12/19) SEES US VETO VN UN ADMISSION AS SAD RELIC NOW OBSOLETE/IRREVELANT POLICY THAT DESERVES QUIET BURIAL BY CARTER ADMIN. SAYS VETO PUTS US AT ODDS W/WORLD COMMUNITY, STANCE IS OFFENSE AGAINST UN CONCEPT; BELIEVES VETO WILL NOT ACHIEVE STATED PURPOSE OF MIA ACCOUNTING.

(NYT 12/19) NOTES MIA CMTE REPORT THAT NO EVIDENCE MIAS ALIVE. SAYS ISSUE USED BY US TO HAMPER EFFORTS MORE NORMAL RELS W/VN. SEES LITTLE REASON BELIEVE CHANCES OBTAINING INFO ENHANCED BY US VETOES UN MEMBERSHIP. FINDS SUCH POLICIES WRONG ON MANY GROUNDS, BUT ESP IF BUOY HOPES BRINGING DEAD BACK TO LIFE.

LEWIS (NYT) RECALLS XMAS BOMBING VN 4 YRS AGO AS MOST

DESTRUCTIVE SINGLE EPISODE INTL VIOLENCE IN RECENT HISTORY.
REVIEWS SECRET PLANNING/CARRYING OUT TO FORCE NEW CONCESSIONS AT PEACE TALKS; ADDS CLAIM PROVED FALSE. OPINES REAL PURPOSE BOMBING WAS PERSUADE SVN ACCEPT TRUCE. BELIEVES US WAR EFFORT SHOULD NOT HAVE AFTER 1968, SINCE DIDN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE. SAYS IF HAK HAD WAY, US WOULD BE UNCLASSIFIED

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STILL BOMBING VN. WARNS US BEWARE OBSESSION/SECRECY/CON-

CENTRATED POWER/MEN UNTOUCHED BY CONCERN MORAL CONSEQUENCES OF ACTS.

ANDELMAN (NYT 12/19) SEES THAILAND/LAOS/CAMBODIA SHARING CONCERN HOW ACCOMMODATE SELVES TO REUNIFIED/POWERFUL VN. SAYS VN CP CONGRESS INDICATES ACCOMMODATION W/NEIGHBORS WHERE VN CAN GET SHORT-TERM TRADE/ECON/POL ADVANTAGE. REVIEWS HISTORY RELS W/VN OVER PAST 18 MOS OF THAILAND/LAOS/CAMBODIA. NOTES MANY THAI DOMESTIC PROBLEMS REMAIN UNSOLVED; LAOS UNDER STRONG VN INFLUENCE; CAMBODIA IS ENIGMA, W/O CLOSE ALLIES, BUT SEEMS RE-ESTABLISHING LIMITED TIES W/OUTSIDE WORLD.

12. KOREA

NYT (12/19) CARRIES FULL-PAGE SUN MYONG MOON STATEMENT, IN WHICH HE DENIES CHARGES ANTI-SEMITISM, OUTLINES 7 "PRINCIPLES" GUIDING UNIFICATION CHURCH'S ACTIVITIES REGARDING JEWS/ISRAEL.

EVE GLOBE (12/17) REPRINTS OLIPHANT CARTOON DEPICTING DEBAUCHED CONGRESSMEN, TINY KOREAN W/MONEY IN OUTSTRETCHED ARM, ALL SAYING HELLO TO TIP O'NEILL.

WSTAR (12/19) REPRINTS GARNER CARTOON FROM COMMERCIAL APPEAL, SHOWING MEN IN IWO JIMA POSE RAISING KOREAN FLAG OVER CAPITOL DOME.

13. JAPAN

SOHIO BOARD CHRMN WRITES NYT (12/18) DENYING STATEMENT IN 12/6 EDIT THAT SOHIO WANTED PERMISSION SHIP ALASKAN OIL TO JAPAN. SAYS FIRM HAS NOT REQUESTED SUCH PERMISSION, NEVER PUBLICLY/PRIVATELY SUGGESTED THIS AS "PROPER UNCLASSIFIED

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LONG-TERM DESTINATION FOR ALASKAN OIL."

14. INDONESIA

NYT (12/18) PRINTS LETTER FROM STD OIL VP WHO WISHES CORRECT "ERRNEOUS INFORMATION" IN RECENT EDIT, WHICH STATED STD OIL CALIF UNWILLING HELP REFINE N SLOPE OIL BECAUSE FIRM FINDS IT MORE PROFITABLE IMPORT INDOESIAN OIL. SAYS HAS NOTIFIED FEA THAT FIRM CAPABLE PROCESSING 250,000 BBL N SLOPE OIL PER DAY.

15. MICRONESIA

BARTLETT (WSTAR 12/15) BERATES SOURCES WHO LEAKED CIA BUGGING MICRONESIAN NEGOTS AS "SELF-ANNOINTED GUARDIANS"

OF NATL MORALITY. QUESTIONS JUSTICE DEPT'S COMPETENCY JUDGE BUGGING'S LEGALITY. ADMONISHES AGAINST "CHIPPING AWAY" AT CIA. SAYS LEAKS MAY BE PART OF "DISCOMFORT REQUIRED" IN ORDER ENJOY FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE, MAY EVEN BE FORM OF "PATRIOTISM," BUT CONCLUDES, "CERTAINLY NOT GOOD SENSE."

WP (12/19) PRINTS EXCERPTS FROM STATEMENT BY PRESIDING OFFICERS MICRONESIAN CONGRESS. EXPRESSES HOPE US DIDN'T USE SURVEILLANCE IN ORDER "PROMOTE DISUNITY WITHIN MICRONESIA," IN ORDER MAKE IT EASIER FOR US STRATEGISTS ACHIEVE GOALS AT EXPENSE MICRONESIANS "AND IN DIRECT CONTRAVENTION" US' RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER UN TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT.

16. GENERAL

BUTTERFIELD (NYT) REVIEWS ASIA CHALLENGES AHEAD FOR CARTER ADMIN. CONSIDERS PROBLEMS W/KOREA, INCL BRIBES; STALLED NORMALIZATION W/PRC; US RELS W/VN/CAMBODIA; PHIL BASE UNCLASSIFIED

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NEGOTS. POINTS TO IMPROVED RELS W/JAPAN, THO GOJ NERVOUS OVER CARTER PROCLAIMED INTENTION WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM SK. NOTES MORE NEUTRAL US STANCE TOWARD THAILAND; CONCERN OVER CONTINUED FAILURE JAKARTA OVERCOME POVERTY DESPITE OIL/MINERAL RESOURCES. MENTIONS DIFFICULT TAIWAN PROBLEM.

RESTON (NYT 12/19) SEES SIGNS CHANGE IN WASHINGTON, W/ RETURN SOME CONFIDENCE AS NEW ADMIN APPROACHES. SAYS WORST FEARS OF FEW YRS AGO AVOIDED: VN DEFEAT DID NOT DESTROY WORLD'S CONFIDENCE IN US; US HAS BETTER RELS W/PRC/ USSR THAN THEY HAVE W/EACH OTHER.

IN ARTICLE ON BUSINESS BRIBERY ABROAD, NYT'S CRITTENDEN QUOTES RESEARCHERS THAT HOST COUNTRY'S ATTITUDE ON CORPORATE PAYOFFS IS KEY FACTOR. NOTES REPORT SAYS IN INDONESIA LITTLE HAPPENS AT ALMOST ANY LEVEL W/O PAYOFFS; APPARENTLY PRC IS ONLY DEVELOPING NATION WHERE PAYOFFS UNKNOWN.

17. ADD KOREA NEWS

CHRMN HARVARD'S EA RESEARCH CENTER FUNDRAISING CMTE DENIES

1-MIL-DOL GIFT FROM KOREAN TRADERS ASSN ATTEMPT "BUY"

GOOD-WILL, CONTENTS GIFT "ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT STRINGS."

SAYS CHRMN COOLIDGE, "IF YOU CAN BUY A CONGRESSMAN FOR
3000 DOLS...WHY SPEND A MILLION ON HARVARD?"

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